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## QUARTER MILLION DOLLAR DEAL

Lon Hill, W. H. Stenger and the Heywood  
Brothers Buy Controlling Interest in the  
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Company.

One of the most important land deals ever consummated in the lower Rio Grande Valley was completed this afternoon when Lon C. Hill, W. H. Stenger, Alba Heywood and his brothers purchased a controlling interest from Wm. Ratcliff, L. A. Busby and Milton Daley in the Brownsville Land and Irrigation Company. This includes the canal and 15,000 acres of the choicest land in the valley.

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It is understood that the consideration is in the neighborhood of \$250,000.

## "QUANTRELL" NOT DEAD

Colonel Coleman Gives Some  
Inside Information.

The "Quantrell" Who Terrorized the  
Missouri Valley During the War Was  
Charles Hart Alias Quantrell  
and He is Alive Today.

Editor BROWNSVILLE HERALD.  
Dear Sir: In answer to your questions I submit the following facts in regard to the life of Quantrell and Charles Hart:

The Quantrell known to the public during the stirring days of the Civil War did not die in the Louisville Hospital, neither is he dead yet; he is alive and well at the present time and a reliable and prosperous business man. In regard to the alleged death of Quantrell in the Louisville hospital. I wish to tell you the following story. A Confederate soldier got a position as night attendant in the hospital in the ward where Quantrell lay. Together with a true son of the Emerald Isle they worked their rabbit foot on the medical fraternity (Dr. White) and the Federal authorities at the hospital. They caused Quantrell to die and be buried. Then resurrected him and started him anew on the journey of life. From Louisville Quantrell was taken to Canada; from Canada he went to Guatemala, and from there to California. From California he went to Missouri overland and on to Jacksonport, Arkansas. He arrived there during the stirring and troubled times of the reconstruction days in 1868. A regiment of Powell Clayton's Ragamuffin militiamen (Col. Monks in command) occupied Jacksonport.

Quantrell reported to me as soon as he got there. I was myself keeping out of the view of the militiamen. Quantrell remained with me about one week; then I gave him a way-bill through to Texas on a safe line, directing him to report to Captain Tom Lenox, who had been captain of one of my companies in the 4th Regiment of Missouri Cavalry, C. S. A. Captain Lenox was also an old friend of Quantrell. He lived in Red River County at that time. I afterwards saw Quantrell in that county and have seen him at various times since.

If anyone wishes to know which one of the boys I am, I refer them to the official record of the War of the Rebellion, once published from the official records of both the Union and Confederate officers, volumes 8, 13, 22, 34 and 41, from

1861 to 1865. There you will find that I operated in South Missouri and Northern Arkansas during the entire war.

HISTORY FEW EVER KNEW.

Now, I can give you a little history few ever knew. I went to Kansas Territory in 1856 and was there off and on during all the Kansas troubles from 1856 to 1861. In 1857 there came to Kansas a man by the name of Quantrell. My understanding was that Maryland was his native state. He operated and trained with what was then known as the Pro-Slavery party, the opposition being known as the Free State party. In 1860 the names were changed to Border Ruffians and Kansas Jay Hawks. The older Quantrell took quiet an interest in the politics of Bleeding Kansas and probably produced his share of the bloody part.

In 1859 Quantrell concluded to go to California and sent for a younger brother to come to him. This brother was going to school in Cleveland, Ohio. The younger brother came, and they soon fixed themselves up a wagon and team, a saddle horse and a dog and left Leecompton well prepared for the trip. On their route they passed through a settlement of free state people, some of whom recognized the older Quantrell, and they followed them either that night or the following night, attacked them in their camp, killing the older Quantrell and seriously wounding the other. The free staters took the horses and everything of value except the wagon. The younger Quantrell was too badly wounded to get away, and he and the dog spent two days in that condition. A friendly Pottawatomie Indian discovered them, procured some water and then went to his people for assistance, which took about 24 hours.

The Pottawatomies took Quantrell and the dog to their village and nursed him back to health. Quantrell then married a Pottawatomie maiden, who was killed by his side in one of his raids in the Missouri River Valley on the Kansas side between Fort Leavenworth and Omaha.

When the younger Quantrell recovered his health he swore vengeance against the Free State people, and he waged a warfare of extermination unequalled up to that time in Bleeding Kansas history. He practically depopulated part of the territory between Fort Leavenworth and Omaha.

During this time a young man from Maryland named Charles Hart joined Quantrell (this was after Quantrell's Indian wife had been killed).

In the winter of 1860-61 in a

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skirmish he had on the Mission Ridge, Quantrell was killed, a ball penetrating his heart. With Quantrell at the time was Hart and two other men. Quantrell was buried and the three took oath that they would not reveal the death of Quantrell but continue the warfare, Hart to assume the name of Quantrell, which he did.

In a few days one of the two followers of the new Quantrell was killed and silently buried.

Hart and his remaining companion concluded that as life was rather uncertain they would each pay a visit to their birth place and kindred and afterwards meet on a certain day in Independence, Mo.

Hart or Quantrell kept his promise, but the other party for reasons beyond his control was prevented from getting there. The balance of the life of Hart alias

Quantrell is public property up to his departure from Louisville Hospital. Yours respectfully,

WILLIAM O. COLEMAN.

Notice.

Examination for county teachers certificates will be held in Brownsville, Sept. 6th and 7th. Persons desiring to take the examination will file their application with me on or before September 5th next; no application will be received after the 5th day of September.

E. H. GOEDERICH,  
County Supt.

Notice.

Teachers and parents are hereby notified that the Public school will reopen on Monday morning, Sept. 2, for the purpose of enrolling pupils.

LOUIS KOWALSKI,  
Secretary to the School Board.